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I. Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended): A slider window assembly for an automotive vehicle that includes a body panel defining a window frame, said slider glass window assembly comprising:

a fixed glass panel having a panel border and defining an opening;

a bead directly contacting the panel border and the window frame and adhesively bonding the panel border to the window frame;

a sliding window moveable along an axis between a closed position wherein the sliding window covers the opening and an open position, said sliding window comprising an axial edge; and

a guide rail adhesively bonded to the fixed glass panel and defining a channel for slideably receiving the axial edge of the sliding window, said guide rail further comprising an extension interposed between the panel perimeter border and the window frame [and] the extension being adhesively bonded to the window frame by the bead.

2. (Original) The slider window frame of claim 1 wherein the guide rail is formed of a metal extrusion.

3. (Original) The slider window frame of claim 1 wherein the guide rail comprises a U-shaped channel having a first arm and a second arm spaced apart to receive said axial edge therebetween, and wherein the second arm is adhesively bonded to the fixed glass panel.

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4. (Original) The slider window frame of claim 3 wherein the extension is juxtaposed against the fixed glass panel.

5. (Original) The slider window frame of claim 3 wherein the fixed glass panel is formed of a single glass pane encircling the opening.

6. (Original) The slider window frame of claim 3 wherein the fixed glass panel comprises an interior side, and wherein the guide rail is bonded to the interior side.

7. (Currently amended): The slider window frame of claim 3 wherein the guide rail is a lower guide rail and ~~comprises~~ defines a channel to receive a lower axial edge of the sliding window, said slider window assembly further comprising an insert received in the channel for slideably supporting the sliding window therein.

8. (Currently amended): A slider window assembly for an automotive vehicle that includes a body panel defining a window frame, said slider glass window assembly comprising:

a fixed glass panel formed of a single glass pane and encircling an opening, said fixed glass panel having an interior panel side and a panel border;

an adhesive bead directly contacting said glass panel and the window frame bonding the interior panel side at the panel border to the window frame;

a sliding window moveable along a horizontal axis between a closed position wherein the sliding window covers the opening and an open position, said sliding window comprising an upper axial edge and a lower axial edge;

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an upper guide rail adhesively bonded to the interior panel side above the opening and defining a channel for slideably receiving the upper axial edge of the sliding window, said guide rail formed of a metal extrusion and further comprising an extension juxtaposed against the interior panel side and adhesively bonded to the window frame by the adhesive bead; and

a lower guide rail adhesively bonded to the interior panel side below the opening and defining a channel for slideably receiving the lower axial edge of the sliding window, said guide rail being formed of a metal extrusion and further comprising an extension juxtaposed against the interior panel side and adhesively bonded to the window frame by the adhesive bead.

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